

sixty coats [for different branches of the family—just as our own differs] are well blazoned in colors," etc. At the head of the pedigree is the following shield:



SHIELD AT HEAD OF STOKES PEDIGREE

The pedigree following it is the one given below. The Registrar of the Herald's College writes me that in 1623 the Stokes' of Stanshawes "registered a pedigree, and had confirmed to them the following arms, sable, a lion rampant, ermine." This is without doubt the pedigree above, and was "confirmed" to the family after many years' previous use.

#### THE LONG LINE IN ENGLAND

1. Sir Adam and Eva de Stokke.
2. Of this pair was born Thomas Stoke of Seend, Wilts, in the reign of Edward III.
3. Of him came Thomas Stokes, of the same place, in the fifth year of Richard II., 1381.
4. Next in line came John Stokes, of Seend also, Henry IV., being king.
5. Thomas Stokes followed, of the same old family seat, in the time of Henry V.
6. Then followed John Stoke, of same place, in the third year of Henry VI., 1425.